

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-18 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claim 14 is cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and claims 3 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over WO 98/58745 (WO'745). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

WO'745 fails to disclose a masking means formed by sequentially laminating a first insulating layer, an electrically conductive layer, a second insulating layer and a mask layer, as recited in claim 1.

WO'745 discloses a method of fabricating deposits with a mask 62 (page 15, lines 27-32). The mask 62 may be insulated and depend on adsorbed charges for its optimal polarity, but is optionally coupled to a second electrostatic device 621 that is independent from the substrate 58 (page 17, lines 22-32). WO'745 fails to disclose the layers of the mask 62 or the masking means with the layers as recited in claim 1. WO'745 thus suffers deficiencies as identified on page 3, lines 5-14 of Applicants' specification and fails to achieve the advantages identified on page 8, line 30 - page 9, line 32 of Applicants' specification.

It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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